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BELGRADE BRICK PLANTS TO DOUBLE PRODUCTION

1950 OUTPUT TO BE 95-100 MILLION BRICKS -- Rad, No 12, 14 Jan 50

Belgrade brick factories produced only 40 million bricks in 1949. It is estimated that 1950 production will be 95-100 million bricks, provided the new machines are installed on schedule.

The machines were made by the "Ivo-Lola Ribar" and "David Pajic" Enterprises in Belgrade, and by the "Sila" Enterprise in Zagreb. While previous to the introduction of machinery, eight workers baked 3,500 bricks in one shift, 24 workers, performing all the operations, will produce 4,000 bricks per hour in the future. According to the new method, 43 percent of the workers will be dispensed with. Moreover, work will continue through the winter in the brick factories, which was not the case in previous years.

In addition to the increase in production, the quality of bricks will improve, and furnaces will be exploited 95 percent.

TO MAKE BAKED GYPSUM -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 12, 14 Jan 50

The cement factory in Pula, Istria, has made tests for the production of baked gypsum, which it will produce regularly in the second quarter of 1950. The factory will begin production of a new kind of Portland cement which is more resistant than the type made by the factory at present.

The factory will construct a new electric power plant in the near future.

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